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SUBJ: POLADS DISCUSSION OF NON-USE ASSURANCES QUESTION

REF: (A) STATE 098641 (NOTAL); (B) USNATO 2202 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: LARGELY AS RESULT OF TIMELY AND DETAILED WASHINGTON GUIDANCE (REF A), ON APRIL 29 POLADS HAD USEFUL DISCUSSION OF NON-USE ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR STATES. CONSENSUS EMERGED IN FAVOR OF US POSITION (SHARED BY UK AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF) THAT AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE ALLIES SHOULD RESIST NON-USE PROPOSALS THAT GO BEYOND EXISTING OBLIGATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) REP (COL. FORD -- U.S.) SAID NEW NETHERLANDS FORMULA ON NON-USE ASSURANCES (REF B) WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FORWARD DEFENSE. TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT, IMS REP GAVE HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE OF A SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT INVASION OF AUSTRIA WHICH POSED A THREAT TO THE FRG. IN SUCH AN EVENT, THE IMS REP CONTINUED, THE ALLIES MIGHT JUDGE IT ADVISABLE TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST THE TERRITORY OF A NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE.

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2. U.S. REP DREW FULLY ON REF A GUIDANCE IN INFORMING ALLIES THAT U.S. WILL RESIST ANY NON-USE PROPOSALS AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT GO BEYOND GENERAL OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE ALREADY ASSUMED IN UNITED CHARTER OR THAT ATTEMPT TO GENERALIZE OUR SPECIFIC

COMMITMENT TO LATIN AMERICAN STATES IN PROTOCOL II. (U.S. REP ALSO CIRCULATED TEXT OF HIS TALKING POINTS). U.K. REP SAID HMG'S POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT EXPRESSED BY U.S. AND IMS REPS.

3. SEVERAL REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY AND DETAILED U.S. CONTRIBUTION. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE UNDERSTOOD NON-USE ASSURANCES MIGHT BE RAISED BY NEUTRALS (E.G. YUGOSLAVIA) AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. DANISH REP REPLIED THAT AT A RECENT MEETING OF NORDIC DISARMAMENT EXPERTS, THE SWEDISH REP (WHO WILL CHAIR THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE) HAD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NON-USE ASSURANCES ISSUE PROBABLY WILL BOTH BE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: MISSION WELCOMES TIMELY WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, WHICH TRANSFORMED WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DESULTORY EXCHANGE INTO A MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION ON WHAT ALLIES RECOGNIZED TO BE AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT. ALLIES WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE DETAILED AND CONVINCING U.S. ANALYSIS OF THIS ISSUE. BRUCE

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